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LB 346, 1050
LR 8, 231

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Recorder not activated) ...the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. The opening prayer this morning by the Reverend Richard Scheerer, Pastor of Vine Congregational United Church of Christ, here in Lincoln. Reverend Scheerer.

REVEREND SCHEERER: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you so much, Reverend Scheerer. We hope you can come back again for another day. Roll call.

ASSISTANT CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Any reports, announcements, or messages?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, a couple of items. Senator Weihing has designated LB 1050 as his priority bill for this session; Senator Hall, LB 346; and LR 231 is ready for your signature.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 231. Further announcement that the Clerk is still receiving new bills, introduction of new bills will continue today. Mr. Clerk, let's proceed to General File, Speaker priority bills from 1989 beginning with LR 8CA.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LR 8 was introduced by the Judiciary Committee. (Read.) The bill was read on January 18 of last year for the first time. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee. That committee reports LR 8 to General File with committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. To handle the committee amendments, the Chair recognizes Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members. This is the constitutional amendment, if you will remember last year, and I would like to give you a little bit of a background and review of what we did last year with the Supreme Court, and the problem that we had with the backlog in the Supreme Court of appeals in this state. Presently our Constitution gives us the absolute right of appeal to the Nebraska Supreme Court of any